



Moore County Health Department

Moore Epi - Notes

A quarterly newsletter for healthcare providers in Moore County

In 2013, 9 million people worldwide became sick with Tuberculosis (TB) disease

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/statistics/default.htm>

World TB Day 2015

World TB Day is recognized on March 24th every year in honor of the date in 1882, when Dr. Robert Koch discovered *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacillus that causes tuberculosis (TB).

It is important to remember that while the number of TB cases in the United States is declining, TB is still a life-threatening problem. TB is often misdiagnosed and improperly treated by healthcare providers, because of the assumption that TB is no longer a threat. World TB Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on our TB control efforts and reminds us to "think TB."

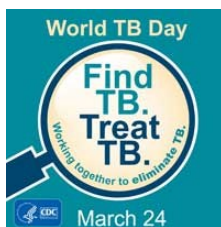
Symptoms of TB disease include:

A bad cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer, pain in the chest, coughing up blood or sputum, weakness or fatigue, weight loss, no appetite, chills, fever, sweating at night.

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Rise in Acute Hepatitis B Cases

Moore County Health Department has identified a significant increase in the number of confirmed Acute Hepatitis B cases among young adults in Moore County since the beginning of 2015.

In 2014 Moore County had 2 confirmed Acute Hep B cases during the entire year. In just the first quarter of 2015 we have seen 5 cases, two of which were co-infected with Acute Hep C.

The current cases are primarily among young adults injecting the prescription drug **OPANA**.

Tick and Mosquito Awareness Month



The Governor has proclaimed April Tick and Mosquito Awareness Month. The Health Department has blast-faxed and emailed information on tick and mosquito-borne illness to area providers during the first part of April. Please take advantage of this information and the CDC websites provided.

Confirmed Reportable Cases

Chlamydia - 75

Gonorrhea - 15

Pertussis - 2

Salmonellosis - 2

Campylobacter - 1

Influenza adult death - 1

Chronic Hepatitis B - 1

Acute Hepatitis B - 5 (IV Opana users)

Acute Hepatitis C - 2 (IV Opana users)

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Please remember to report communicable diseases to the Health Department. Accurate reporting helps to stop the spread of disease and helps us to gain knowledge about the health of our community. Moore County Health Department is committed to ensuring county healthcare providers access to countywide disease data summaries to inform patient care.